marriage takes place. Then the sage speaks of the third division of the brahman's life. " When a householder sees his skin wrinkled, and his hair white, and the son of his son, then he may resort to the forest." His wife is to choose whether she will accompany her husband or not, but If not her sons are to care for her. Here In seclusion the brahman is to diligently aim " to attain complete union with the Supreme Soul." The last stage of his life is to be spent in imparting knowledge to others.

In the holy city of India there lingers, more than in any other, some of that old devotion. To-day, as then, the soul that seeks finds beneath forms and ceremonies that un-dying truth which lies hidden in the depths of all religions, and all who go there are possessed to some extent of the longing to find. This it is which produces an atmosphere there different to that of all other places.

Benares, as I think of you now, far away,<

when were you most beautiful ? Was it In the morning, when the sun shone

brightly on
your miles of river palaces, and on the golden
flags of your thousand temples ? Surely never
were colours so gay as the lovely dresses of

your